



### **Fisher's General Store**

This general store served the district of Macdonald, Manitoba for many years until 1966 and the last proprietor was Dorothy Gillespie.

The main counter came from Bobby's Store in Oakville, Manitoba, and the antique cash register came from the old Municipal Offices in Portage la Prairie. The store is complete with artifacts that would have been sold in a pioneer country store. In the southwest corner there is a peculiar machine. It was originally from Narvey's Department Store and was used to x-ray feet and determine shoe size.

The room at the back of the store was once a post office on the right side of the door, and a butcher

shop on the left side. We now have a postal display on one side and a telephone office on the other.

Before leaving the store, you might want to have a haircut in Busby's Barber Shop. Our "beauty parlour" features many different hairdressing artifacts including one of the first hand-held hair dryers. The large contraption by the barber chair is a perm machine.

### **The Hitching Post**

The hitching post in front of Fisher's Store had two purposes. First they tended to keep the animals from wandering, and secondly, in the towns and close to homes, animals were stopped from using the boardwalk or entering buildings. Most posts had a ring used to secure the reins

